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1. AS OF AUGUST 14, GOI PLANS TO FIELD ITS GOVERNORS OF IMF AND IBRD TO SEPTEMBER 25-28 MEETINGS, I.E. RESPECTIVELY, YOUSSEF KHOSHKISH, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN (CBI), AND MOHAMMAD YEGANEH, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE (MEAF). ADVISORS ON THE IMF SIDE WILL BE DR. SHAHPUR SHIRAZI, VICE GOVERNOR OF CBI AND ALI MANAVI-RAD, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND STUDIES, CBI, AND FOR IBRD DR. AHMAD KOOROS, UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MEAF, AND ALEXANDER CONSTANTINE MAJLOUMIAN, UNDERSECRETARY FOR PLANNING, PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION.

2. DR. SHIRAZI MENTIONED THE "DOLLAR PROBLEM" AS THE ONLY OBVIOUS ISSUE IRAN WANTS DISCUSSED IN PLENARY. ISSUES GOI WOULD BE INCLINED TO PURSUE IN INTERIM COMMITTEE INCLUDE EXCHANGE RATE POLICY, AND SPECIAL QUOTE INCREASES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIXTH GENERAL REVIES. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (TEHRAN 2985), IRAN HAS NO SET PERCENTAGE OBJECTIVE IN IMF QUOTA BUT FEELS STRONGLY IT, AS SOME OTHER MEMBERS, SHOULD HAVE A QUOTE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL
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FINANCIAL POSITION. IT REJECTS THE "CHINA KITTY" AS A SOLUTION TO WHAT IT VIEWS AS AN INEQUITABLE SITUATION.

3. SHIRAZI KNEW OF NO PARTICULAR ISSUES GOI WOULD WISH TO RAISE WITH U.S. DEL, BUT AS GOI DEL HAS NEITHER IMF/IBRD AGENDA NOR HAS CAUCUSED HERE, A FINAL RESPONSE ON THIS POINT IS PREMATURE. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE THIS AND REPORT SHOULD GOI

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